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SUBJECT: NEPALESE CONTINGENT TO UNIFIL

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1. WE WERE SOMEWHAT STARTLED TO LEARN FROM REFTEL, WHICH WE RECEIVED APRIL 1, OF POSSIBILITY OF AIRLIFT OF ADVANCE PARTY OF NEPALESE UNIFIL CONTINGENT ON APRIL 4. THIS WAS FIRST WE HAD HEARD OF THIS POSSIBLE DEVELOPMENT. NEPALESE APPEARED TO BE EQUALLY STARTLED, WHICH SUGGESTS BREAKDOWN IN COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN HMG AND UN. ASSUMING USG INVOLVEMENT IN THIS AND OTHER AIRLIFTS, WE WANT TO BE AS HELPFUL AS POSSIBLE. WE NEED TO KNOW WHAT ROLE THE EMBASSY AS OPPOSED TO UN-HMG WILL BE EXPECTED TO PLAY. WILL WE BE ASKED TO SECURE AIRCRAFT CLEARANCES, TO ARRANGE SUPPORT ACTIVITIES, AND TO MAKE SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS FOR AIRCRAFT? WILL THERE BE AN ADVANCE TEAM SENT TO ORGANIZE THE LOADING OF TROOPS AND EQUIPMENT, DRAW UP MANIFESTS, ETC? IF SO, WILL EMBASSY BE EXPECTED TO ARRANGE HOUSING (HOTELS SOLIDLY BOOKED IN
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APRIL), TRANSPORTATION, AND COORDINATION WITH NEPALESE GOVERNMENT AND MILITARY? HOW MUCH LEAD TIME DOES MAC NNED TO ARRANGE FOR AN AIRLIFT FLIGHT?

2. WITHIN ITS EXCEEDINGLY LIMITED RESOURCES, EMBASSY IS ANXIOUS TO PROVIDE WHATEVER ASSISTANCE WILL BE REQUIRED, BUT WE WILL NEED ADEQUATE INFORMATION AND LEAD TIME. WOULD

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APPRECIATE EARLY RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS IN PARA 1 AND HOPE WE
CAN BE KEPT FULLY INFORMED OF DEVELOPMENTS WHICH MAY INVOLVE
US.
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